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9 FAM APPENDIX O 1400, ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND REFUGEE ADMISSION NUMBERS; 1500, REFUGEE TRAVEL PACKETS; AND 1600, VALIDITY OF FORM I-590, REGISTRATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS REFUGEE

MAJOR CHANGES

1. 9 FAM Appendix O, 1400 has been updated and minor editorial changes were made.
2. 9 FAM Appendix O, 1500 has been updated and minor editorial changes were made.
3. 9 FAM Appendix O, 1600 has been updated and minor editorial changes were made
4. 9 FAM Appendices P, Q, and R have been deleted.
5. The legal authority and additional reference materials can be found at the following websites:
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 - United States Code (U.S.C.)—
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 - Office of Personnel Management—
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6. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

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